

Fort Sisseton Commission Meeting  
February 9, 2017

The Fort Sisseton Commission met February 09, 2017 at Café Eden. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Commission members present were Eileen Warzeka, Mary Dunn, Dennis Darrington, Judy Gulleeson, Gary Strand, Bruce Prins, Glen Johnson, Jim Patrick, Duane Hemmah, Kirk Jones and Bill Hoskins. GFP personnel present were Katie Ceroll, Bob Schneider, Al Nedved, Wayne Winters, Willy Collignon, Lori Skadsen and Chris Soukup. Travis Ceroll also attended the meeting. Minutes taken by Dalaine Pleinis

AGENDA ITEMS

FOUNDATION REPORT Wayne reviewed the foundation fund. Some of the recent contributions for the Wagon Wheel Fund were not reflected. Wayne will furnish an updated summary and it will be sent out to the commission members.

Discussion was held concerning the repair/replacement of the cannon carriage wheels. They are in very bad shape and present a safety hazard. Bill has received 3 quotes for replacement. The low bid came from Paulson Brothers in Wisconsin at approximately \$2300.00.

**MOTION BY GARY 2<sup>ND</sup> BY BILL TO PROCEED WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CANNON CARRIAGE WHEELS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW COMMISSIONER Willy introduced Jim Patrick of Watertown as our newest commissioner.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: A question was raised as to the shingling of the block house and the soundness of the rest of the structure. Katie informed the commission the whole block house had been treated and sealed in 2014 and is in acceptable shape. It should be resealed every 5 years.

**MOTION BY BILL, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY GLEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS PRINTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FRONTIER CHRISTMAS REVIEW Chris informed the commission that attendance was down this year to about 300 people due to weather. Those attending were present most of the day. Eileen reported on the concession. The commission grossed \$495.00

COMMISSION PROJECTS

*Barn* The lumber is here for the barn stalls. Volunteers will be working MWF starting Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. The new lights have been installed.

*Cannon Carriage Wheels* discussed above

*Fund Raising Efforts in 2017* Currently the only fundraising activities are Chuck Wagon, Frontier Christmas and the donation box. Ideas for fundraising were exchanged. The Executive Committee will research the feasibility of a 2018 Fort calendar.

VOLUNTEERS/HOSTS Chris mentioned that the Fort is in need of more volunteers and hosts. Please let him know if you know of anyone willing to help out. Publishing an article explaining what our volunteers do and what their help means to the parks was suggested.

SPRING PROGRAMMING Chris

*School tours* will be held the end of April or first part of May.

*40<sup>th</sup> Festival* This will be the 40 year of the Festival. Past employees have been invited and will be recognized at 10:30am on Saturday.

The park is planning on spending \$500.00 to purchase 250 reusable 40<sup>TH</sup> Festival bags to give away to the first 125 families each day. Chris asked the commission to match this to buy an additional 250.00.

Other possible items were discussed.

**MOTION BY EILEEN 2<sup>ND</sup> BY BILL TO GIVE \$500.00 FOR PROMOTIONAL ITEMS/MERCHANDISE TO BE USED AT THE 40<sup>TH</sup> FESTIVAL.**

Judy will be sending letters to various state dignitaries inviting them to the 40<sup>th</sup> celebration.

NORTHERN FORT PLAYHOUSE: Eileen 2017 plays will be *Wonderettes Dream ON* and *Boeing, Boeing*.

The Fort will be decorating a capitol Christmas tree this year.

The next meeting was tentatively set for April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the Fort.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY DUANE 2<sup>ND</sup> BY MARY. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**